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SUBJECT: FURTHER STUDENT INCIDENTS AS ACTIVISM EXPANDS INTO
AEGEAN PROVINCE

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1. STUDENT TENSION IN IZMIR AREA INCREASED OVER WEEKEND AS
NEW INCIDENT OCCURRED NOVEMBER 8 AT BORNOVA (IZMIR SUBURB)
ADVANCED TEACHER TRAINING SCHOOL INVOLVING "LEFTIST" AND
"RIGHTIST" STUDENTS. ACCOUNTS VARY, BUT ESSENTIALS APPEAR AS
FOLLOWS: GROUPS OF LEFTIST AND RIGHTIST STUDENTS SKIRMISHED
IN VICINITY OF TEACHERS SCHOOL AND LATTER TOOK OVER A
MUNICIPAL BUS, PROGRESS OF WHICH IMPEDED BY LEFTISTS. BUS

PASSENGER, A MEMBER OF NAP STUDENT ORGANIZATION ULKU
OCAKLARI, IBRAHIM DURMUSOGLU, DREW PISTOL AND BEGAN FIRING
WILDLY; ALLEGEDLY AT LEAST THREE STUDENTS WERE WOUNDED,
TWO OF WHOM APPEAR HAVE BEEN DURMUSOGLU'S COHORTS.
RIGHTIST STUDENTS FLED FROM BUS INTO SCHOOL DORMITORY AS
SECURITY POLICE ARRIVED AND MADE SEVERAL ARRESTS INCLUDING
DURMUSOGLU. SUBSEQUENT POLICE SEARCH OF DORMITORY, RE-
PORTEDLY THAT OF LARGELY RIGHTIST STUDENTS, SAID HAVE RE-
VEALED NUMBER OF KNIVES, CHAINS AND ONE PISTOL.

2. ON NOVEMBER 10 STUDENTS AT A NORMAL SCHOOL FOR PRIMARY
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SCHOOL TEACHERS AFFILIATED WITH THE BORNOVA ADVANCED

TEACHER TRAINING SCHOOL DECLARED A WEEK LONG BOYCOTT OF CLASSES IN PROTEST OF ALLEGED HARASSMENT BY RIGHTIST STUDENTS FROM THE ADVANCED SCHOOL. (AN ARTICLE IN LEFTIST DEMOKRAT IZMIR ON NOVEMBER 10 ALLEGED THAT "WHILE LEFTIST STUDENTS ARE IN MAJORITY AT ALL FACULTIES AND HIGHER SCHOOLS ASSOCIATED WITH AEGEAN UNIVERSITY, NAP COMMANDOS CONTROL THE BORNOVA ADVANCED TEACHER TRAINING SCHOOL.") BOYCOTTING STUDENTS CLAIMED SOME OF THEM HAD BEEN ATTACKED ON NOV. 7 BY RIGHTISTS

"WITH IRON BARS, CLUBS AND GUNS" AND DEMANDED BETTER PHYSICAL

SECURITY; THEY CLAIMED THAT SECURITY POLICE SHIELD THE COMMANDOS AND HARASS STUDENTS OF LEFTIST ORIENTATION.

3. STUDENTS IN HEALTH DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER SCHOOL OF NURSING AND HEALTH (PART OF AEGEAN UNIVERSITY MEDICAL FACULTY) BEGAN BOYCOTT ON NOV. 7 CONCERNING POOR PHYSICAL CONDITIONS AT SCHOOL FACILITIES, AUTOCRATIC NATURE OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION, AND DESIRE FOR "DIPLOMA" RATHER THAN "CERTIFICATE" UPON GRADUATION.

4. CONCURRENTLY, STUDENT ACTIVISM HAS SPREAD INTO OTHER AEGEAN PROVINCES WHERE SCHOOLS RANGING FROM SECONDARY (LYCEE) TO JUNIOR COLLEGE (ON LISAN) EQUIVALENTS IN AYDIN, MANISA, MUGLA AND USAK ARE EXPERIENCING BOYCOTTS OF VARYING DURATION. STUDENTS AT TEACHER TRAINING LYCEES IN AYDIN (SINCE NOV. 3), MANISA (NOV. 11) AND USAK (NOV. 10) WHOSE GRADUATES UNTIL THIS YEAR WERE ENTITLED TO TEACH PRIMARY LEVEL STUDENTS, ARE STAGING BOYCOTTS OVER A CHANGE THIS YEAR THAT WILL REQUIRE THEM TO CONTINUE FOR TWO YEARS OF JUNIOR COLLEGE-LEVEL TRAINING BEFORE GETTING PRIMARY TEACHER CERTIFICATES; ACCORDING LOCAL PRESS, ON NOV. 11 AT USAK LYCEE CAMPUS POLICE ARRESTED YOUTH WHO, WITH SEVERAL COMPANIONS, WAS HARRASSING

BOYCOTTING STUDENTS. YOUTH (AHMET ALABAS) FOUND TO BE ARMED WITH LOADED PISTOL AND KNIFE AND IDENTIFIED AS USAK UNCLASSIFIED

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NAP YOUTH ORGANIZATION PRESIDENT. IN ADDITION, 550 ON LISAN NORMAL SCHOOL STUDENTS IN AYDIN BEGAN A ONE WEEK BOYCOTT ON NOVEMBER 10 FOR DORMITORIES AND IMPROVED CLASSROOMS. IN MILAS, MUGLA, LYCEE STUDENTS BEGAN BOYCOTT ON NOV. 7 OVER TRANSFER OF THEIR DIRECTOR TO ANOTHER SCHOOL. WHILE NON-VIOLENT AND AT LEAST OUTWARDLY NONPOLITICAL IN MOTIVATION, THESE STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS ARE UNUSUAL, PERHAPS UNPRECEDENTED, IN THE AEGEAN AREA IN THAT THEY ARE OCCURRING

A) IN A SPATE, B) IN PROVINCES, AND C) AT SECONDARY SCHOOL
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